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The meeting was called to order at 3.45 p.m.

UNIDO activities related to energy and the environment (*continued*) (GC.15/5 and GC.15/6; GC.15/CRP.2)

1. **The Chair** said that the Committee would first resume its discussion of the draft resolution submitted by Kazakhstan, entitled "Partnerships for inclusive and sustainable industrial development" (GC.15/CRP.2, chap. II.B), on which consensus had been sought in informal consultations.
2. **Mr. Zholamanov** (Kazakhstan) said that the delegations had reached a consensus. He would pass the floor to the representative of South Africa to read out the amendments, which he understood would be acceptable to the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
3. **Ms. Mabitje-Thompson** (South Africa), introducing the proposed amendments to the draft resolution entitled "Partnerships for inclusive and sustainable industrial development", said that it had been agreed to move the new text that she had proposed for operative paragraph (c) to the end of the first sentence. It had also been agreed to use the wording "sustainable energy equipment and technologies", so that the sentence would read "To enhance cooperation with regional and cross-regional partnerships, involving all relevant stakeholders, in order to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development, overcoming the prevailing development challenges and leading to green economic growth in developing countries, inter alia, through support of production of sustainable energy equipment and technologies in developing countries".
4. **The Chair** suggested that, in order to allow time for study of the proposed amendment, the Committee should proceed to consideration of the results of consultations that had been held between the delegation of Kazakhstan and the Office of Legal Affairs of the UNIDO Secretariat.
5. **Mr. Moradi** (Legal Adviser) said that he wished to suggest two new paragraphs for consideration by the Committee.
6. The first was a new preambular paragraph, which could appear as the first preambular paragraph of the draft resolution: "Recalling Article 19 of the Constitution, and its decision GC.1/Dec.41 of 12 December 1985, entitled 'Guidelines for the relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations'".
7. The second was a new operative paragraph that could become operative paragraph (d): "To ensure that any partnership under this resolution is carried out in accordance with the legal framework of the Organization".
8. Explaining the rationale for the two additional paragraphs, he said that there were guidelines attached to General Conference decision GC.1/Dec.41 of 12 December 1985, which required the Secretariat to ensure that any entity wishing to establish a partnership or relationship with UNIDO had good credentials. Article 19 of the Constitution of UNIDO, under which it was the prerogative of the Board to approve or disapprove relationship agreements between UNIDO and other organizations, should also be taken into account.
9. He sought clarification from the delegate of Kazakhstan about the meaning of regional and cross-regional partnerships in operative paragraph (c); he would also appreciate an explanation about the background to the Green Bridge Partnership Programme and the Green Industry Platform.
10. **Mr. Zholamanov** (Kazakhstan) said that, in order to reach consensus more quickly, Kazakhstan had adopted the language used in the Lima Declaration, which also referred to regional and cross-regional partnerships. Some partnerships were purely regional whereas others were cross-regional, for example between Europe and Asia or Europe and Africa. The Green Bridge Partnership Programme had been endorsed by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. It was a partnership that was devoted to bringing green technologies from developed to developing countries to find a solution to common development constraints.
11. **The Chair** asked whether the amendments proposed were acceptable.
12. **Mr. Swaminathan** (India) said that it was unclear what was meant by "sustainable energy equipment" and "sustainable technology". Such terms

might not be widely understood. It might be preferable to replace the word "sustainable" with the word "renewable".

13. **Ms. Gopal** (Malaysia) requested that the Secretariat distribute the amended text for consideration by all delegations.

14. **The Chair** suggested that consideration of the draft resolution on partnerships for inclusive and sustainable industrial development should be suspended and that the Committee should resume consideration of the draft resolution submitted by the European Union (EU), entitled "UNIDO activities in energy and environment" (GC.15/CRP.2, chap. II.B).

15. **Mr. Swaminathan** (India) said that it would be better to bring the language used in the first preambular paragraph more into line with the Lima Declaration. He proposed the wording "Considering the importance of the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development for sustained economic growth".

16. He also proposed replacing the words "inclusive and sustainable industrial development" by the words "industrial development" in the second preambular paragraph. The Committee should not be too prescriptive regarding the intergovernmental process for defining the post-2015 development agenda. There was no acceptable definition of "inclusive and sustainable industrial development". The idea in the post-2015 development framework was that there would be defined, universal goals. In that context, it would be difficult to have a universal goal of inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

17. Concerning the amendment to the twelfth preambular paragraph, it would be better to keep to the language that was used in the High-Level Conference of Middle-Income Countries that had been held in Costa Rica in 2013, which referred to "international industrial cooperation" and made no mention of "sustainable industrial development". The end of the paragraph should read: "... offer an effective instrument for strengthening international industrial cooperation".

18. **Mr. Uskov** (Russian Federation) said that he had reservations about the eleventh preambular paragraph and the sentence "the activities undertaken by UNIDO to develop the Green Industry Initiative as an integral part of the Green Economy". The term "green

economy" was not a universally agreed United Nations term. He suggested deleting the reference to the "Green Economy" or placing it in brackets.

19. **Ms. Algabre** (Philippines) said that her delegation wished to co-sponsor the draft resolution submitted by the EU. She requested that the term "Senior Officials" be replaced by "Ministerial Officials" in the fourteenth preambular paragraph. The meetings had in fact been attended by ministers.

20. **The Chair** said that he wished to hear comments on the proposal made by the representative of India with regard to the first preambular paragraph. It was proposed that the wording "Considering the importance of the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development for sustained economic growth" should be used. He assumed that the reference to "poverty eradication" would be retained.

21. **Mr. Colapinto** (Italy), speaking on behalf of the EU, requested that the first preambular paragraph should be kept as it was in the original proposal. He accepted the proposals made by India with regard to the second and twelfth preambular paragraphs.

22. **Mr. Akcal** (France) fully supported the draft resolution submitted by the EU and the proposals of the Italian delegation.

23. **The Chair** said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt the first, second and twelfth preambular paragraphs as amended.

24. *It was so decided.*

25. **The Chair** asked for the Committee's views on the proposal made by the Russian Federation to remove the reference to the "Green Economy" from the eleventh preambular paragraph.

26. **Ms. Wrona** (Poland), speaking on behalf of the EU, said that the eleventh preambular paragraph was a literal repetition of a paragraph included in General Conference resolution GC.14/Res.4. The Rio+20 Conference had recognized the green economy as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development and poverty eradication. UNIDO had been promoting the Green Industry Initiative and it was a very relevant part of the green economy initiative. The EU urged the Russian Federation to consider accepting the reference in the interests of reaching a consensus.

27. **Mr. Uskov** (Russian Federation) said that the green economy was not a universally accepted term and the Rio+20 document was not a United Nations document. The Russian Federation regretted that the term had been used by the General Conference at its last session. Deleting the term would not jeopardize any initiatives or actions of UNIDO within the field of green industry, and it was divisive. For the sake of reaching a compromise he asked the representative of Poland to consider the removal of the term and allow a more inclusive approach.
28. **Ms. Wrona** (Poland), speaking on behalf of the EU, proposed that the text should be kept in brackets and returned to at a later stage.
29. **The Chair** asked whether the Russian Federation had other proposals for amendments to the draft resolution.
30. **Mr. Uskov** (Russian Federation) said that he did not; he agreed with the proposals made by the delegations of India and Italy with regard to the first two preambular paragraphs.
31. **Mr. Hannan** (Bangladesh) said that he was not sure what was meant by the term "environmental quality" in the sixth preambular paragraph. In addition, the meaning of "simultaneous pursuit of ... environmental quality" was unclear. He proposed replacing the word "quality" by the word "protection", the words "economic prosperity" by the words "economic growth", and the words "social equity" by the words "social development". The word "inclusive" should also be added before "economic growth." That was the language that had been used in the Rio+20 documents. He did not understand the meaning of the phrase "the potential to cut the employment gap" in the seventh preambular paragraph, and would prefer a more direct expression, such as "to generate employment".
32. **Mr. Colapinto** (Italy), speaking on behalf of the EU, said that the amendments proposed by Bangladesh for the sixth and seventh preambular paragraphs were acceptable.
33. **Mr. Deleuze** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) agreed with the Russian Federation that the reference to the "Green Economy" in the eleventh preambular paragraph should be deleted, as the terms "green industry" and "green economy", were ill-defined and were not accepted by all Member States; they were problematic for his delegation also.
34. **The Chair** proposed that the meeting be suspended in order to allow for informal consultations.
35. *It was so agreed.*
- The meeting was suspended at 4.40 p.m. and resumed at 4.55 p.m.*
36. **Mr. Colapinto** (Italy), speaking on behalf of the EU, said that agreement had been reached on the eleventh preambular paragraph, which would read: "*Taking note also of the activities undertaken by UNIDO to develop the Green Industry Initiative as an integral part of sustainable development in its three dimensions*".
37. **The Chair** said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee approved the amended version of the preambular paragraph.
38. *It was so decided.*
39. **The Chair** recalled that only one outstanding issue remained with regard to the preamble, namely that raised by the delegation of the Philippines, which had proposed that the words "Senior Officials" be replaced with the word "Ministerial Officials" in the fourteenth preambular paragraph. He suggested that the phrase "Senior Government Officials Meeting" be used, as that phrase had already been used in UNIDO publications with reference to the green industry conferences.
40. **Ms. Algabre** (Philippines) said that her delegation had initially proposed the word "ministerial" because it had felt that there was a substantial difference between senior officials and ministers, the former ranking below the latter. It was her delegation's understanding that the meetings had been held at the ministerial level in order to lend the issue greater political significance. However, if that wording was not acceptable, her delegation could accept simply "meetings on Green Industry".
41. **The Chair** said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to accept the wording "meetings on Green Industry" and to approve the preambular paragraphs as amended in their entirety.
42. *It was so agreed.*

43. **The Chair** invited comments on the operative paragraphs of the draft resolution.

44. **Mr. Deleuze** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), referring to operative paragraph (d), said that while his delegation was generally in agreement with the wording of that paragraph, it wished to propose the addition of the words "and other community-based entities" following the words "the private sector and academia" to reflect the direct involvement of communities in production and manufacturing processes in his country and in other countries in which those processes were being developed.

45. **The Chair** suggested that the meeting be suspended again in order to provide delegations with an opportunity to discuss the proposal made and any other issues arising from the operative paragraphs of the draft resolution.

46. **Mr. Chemakh** (Algeria) asked whether any decision had been reached with regard to the amendments to the draft resolution on partnerships for inclusive and sustainable industrial development, under the same agenda item, and whether that text would be discussed before the meeting was suspended.

47. **Mr. Zholamanov** (Kazakhstan) said that consensus had been reached on a revised version of the draft text, which was ready to be discussed further.

48. **Ms. Pereira** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), introducing the amendments made, said that the text of operative paragraph (c) of the draft resolution would read: "To enhance cooperation with regional and cross-regional partnerships, involving all relevant stakeholders, towards promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development, overcoming the prevailing development challenges, leading to sustainable economic growth in developing countries, inter alia, through supporting development of sustainable energy and energy-saving technologies in developing countries. These partnerships may include, inter alia, governments, international organizations, representatives of the public and private sectors, financial institutions, academia and civil society, encompassing North-South, South-South, triangular and multilateral cooperation including specific platforms, such as the Green Bridge Partnership Programme and the Green Industry Platform."

49. **The Chair** said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee approved the revised text.

50. *It was so agreed.*

51. **The Chair** invited the Committee to resume its consideration of the additional text proposed following consultation between the delegation of Kazakhstan and the Office of Legal Affairs, and asked whether that text, and the amended draft resolution as a whole, was acceptable to the Committee.

52. *The draft resolution entitled "Partnerships towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development", as amended, was adopted for recommendation to the plenary.*

53. **The Chair** suggested that the Committee suspend its meeting once again in order to resolve, through informal consultations, any remaining difficulties with regard to the draft resolution on UNIDO activities in energy and environment, submitted by the EU.

54. **Ms. Manyonga** (Zimbabwe) said that if consultations were necessary with regard to all operative paragraphs, it would be more helpful to know, before suspending the meeting, what concerns had arisen and what proposals were being made, in order to make the consultations more efficient and productive.

55. **The Chair** invited the Committee to resume its consideration of the operative paragraphs of the draft resolution.

56. **Ms. Mabitje-Thompson** (South Africa) proposed that operative paragraph (b) be amended to read "To foster, in line with national needs and priorities, transfer of know-how and production of adequate technologies in the field of energy efficiency in industrial processes and renewable energies for industrial application and uses, particularly in developing countries".

57. **Mr. Uskov** (Russian Federation) requested clarification as to what was meant by "production of adequate technologies".

58. **The Chair** said that the delegation of South Africa should provide that clarification in informal consultations.

59. **Ms. Wrona** (Poland), speaking on behalf of the EU, proposed that the words "private sector" in

operative paragraph (d) be replaced with the words "productive sector" instead of the addition of the words "and other community-based entities" as proposed by the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. That would address the concerns raised by that delegation.

60. **Mr. Gonzalez Jaramillo** (Ecuador) said that his delegation supported the proposal made by the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, since the words "other new forms of community-based entities" had been agreed upon in paragraph 7 of the Lima Declaration on the basis of a proposal made by his delegation. Since the Lima Declaration had already been adopted and was the most important outcome of the fifteenth session of the General Conference, that wording should be incorporated in the draft resolution.

61. **Ms. Wrona** (Poland), speaking on behalf of the EU, said that while her delegation agreed that it was important to encourage UNIDO to build partnerships with community-based entities, the inclusion of a reference to such entities in operative paragraph (d) might be inappropriate, since the Green Industry Platform was a very specific instrument. The words "global partnerships between national governments, the private sector and academia" referred to existing partnerships between members of the Platform. The imposition of an additional obligation on UNIDO to strengthen partnerships with community-based entities within the framework of the Platform could cause the Secretariat problems in putting that idea into practice. The representatives of the EU had therefore worked with the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to formulate the consensual language proposed; the term "productive sector" allowed for the possible future participation of community-based entities in the Platform.

62. **Mr. Gonzalez Jaramillo** (Ecuador) said that, since the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela had agreed to that wording, his delegation could likewise accept it.

63. **Mr. Swaminathan** (India) said that the introduction of terms that might not be widely understood, such as "productive sector", should ideally be avoided. However, he was willing to join the consensus on that language.

64. **Mr. Uskov** (Russian Federation), referring to operative paragraphs (e) and (f), said that while his

delegation recognized the important role of the EU as an influential and major partner and the value of its intellectual inputs into the text of the draft resolution, it felt that the wording of those paragraphs placed emphasis on specific EU programmes and initiatives rather than on the UNIDO programmes referred to, angling the draft resolution to focus on a single group of Member States and thus narrowing its scope. He therefore proposed that the words "UNIDO's Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) Programme" in paragraph (e) should be followed with the words ", in line with existing regional initiatives", in order to reflect the fact that there were many initiatives around the world similar to that of the EU — although his delegation recognized the importance of those parts of the EU initiative concerning the international development agenda — and thus to make the text more general. His delegation was willing, in recognition of the financial and intellectual input of the EU and in a spirit of compromise, to accept the reference to "the European Union's SWITCH programme" in operative paragraph (f), particularly since that programme was linked more directly to UNIDO activities. However, he proposed that the text following "other environmental hot spots" should be amended to read "taking note of similar regional programmes, including inter alia the European Union's SWITCH programme on the promotion and adoption of sustainable production and consumption patterns". His delegation was ready to discuss both proposals with the EU delegation in informal consultations.

65. **Ms. Manyonga** (Zimbabwe) expressed support for the comments made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

66. **Ms. Wrona** (Poland), speaking on behalf of the EU, said that considerable efforts had already been made in informal consultations to modify the two paragraphs in such a way as to make clear that the text was not intended to be exclusive by referring only to EU initiatives but, rather, to invite and encourage UNIDO to search for possible synergies and opportunities for cooperation and to further strengthen its cooperation in the implementation of initiatives similar to those that it itself was already implementing. While the Russian Federation was correct to point out that there were various relevant initiatives other than that of the EU, and her delegation had been willing to reflect that fact in the amended draft text, no proposals had been put forward during the informal

consultations; consequently, the text had been left unchanged. Since the language of both paragraphs had already been softened, her delegation wished to retain the amended wording. She added that the text was intended not only to indicate scope for cooperation but also funding possibilities offered by the initiatives referred to. The budget of the SWITCH programme was more than 150 million euros in Asia and more than 50 projects had been implemented in 2012. Since the UNIDO programme on the transfer of environmentally sound technologies (TEST) was in line with the SWITCH programme, it would be logical for UNIDO and the EU to work together to implement projects and avoid duplications. Moreover, that partnership idea was strongly supported by the Director General. The same applied to the "resource-efficient Europe" initiative, which, as one of seven flagship initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable and inclusive growth, addressed the same challenges as the UNIDO Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) Programme. While it was true that that initiative provided a framework for the EU countries, it also called for broad international cooperation in the area of resource efficiency as a means of exchanging knowledge, skills, technology and best practices. By inviting UNIDO to deepen its collaboration with the EU in the area of resource efficiency, it was hoped that the draft resolution would result in the development of joint projects in the future. She asked whether the delegation of the Russian Federation could accept, in paragraph (e), language similar to that proposed in paragraph (f), i.e. the use of the words "including, *inter alia*" and the deletion of reference to a "flagship initiative of the Europe 2020 Strategy".

67. **Mr. Uskov** (Russian Federation), welcoming the flexibility demonstrated by the EU, said that his delegation would like to discuss the precise formulation of the two paragraphs in informal consultations with interested Member States.

68. **The Chair** invited the Committee to move on to consideration of the remaining operative paragraphs.

69. **Mr. Chemakh** (Algeria) said that the term "transition economies" in operative paragraph (g) should be used instead of "transition countries", since the former was the language commonly used.

70. **Mr. Colapinto** (Italy), speaking on behalf of the EU, proposed use of the term "economies in transition"; the draft paragraph would thus read: "the

access of developing countries and economies in transition".

71. **The Chair** said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the proposed amendment to operative paragraph (g) was acceptable to the Committee.

72. *It was so agreed.*

73. **The Chair** invited comments on the remaining operative paragraphs.

74. **Mr. Sa Pires Filho** (Brazil) said that some concerns had been raised with regard to the reference, in paragraph (i), to international standards of industrial energy efficiency. Since that paragraph was linked to the tenth preambular paragraph, it should make clear which standards were being referred to, in order to avoid leaving the text open to interpretation.

75. **Mr. Colapinto** (Italy), speaking on behalf of the EU, said that a new formulation could be drafted in informal consultations in order to address that concern. In the meantime, by way of clarification of the text of paragraph (i), he drew attention to the fact that energy management system standards, including ISO 50001, were already referred to in document GC.15/5 on UNIDO activities related to energy. Paragraph (i) was therefore intended simply to mirror the reference to those standards in the tenth preambular paragraph.

76. **The Chair** invited the Committee to consider the new paragraph proposed for insertion following paragraph (j).

77. **Mr. Uskov** (Russian Federation) and **Mr. Deleuze** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) requested more time to consult their capitals with regard to the proposed text.

78. **Mr. Matter** (Switzerland) said that delegations, when reflecting on the proposed text for the paragraph, should take into account the language of paragraphs 12 and 13 of document GC.15/6 on UNIDO activities related to the environment, which provided a basic explanation of the Global Mercury Partnership and the role of UNIDO in the management and reduction of mercury.

79. **The Chair** suggested that, unless there were comments on the final operative paragraph (k), the Committee adjourn its meeting in order to allow for informal consultations on operative paragraphs (b), (e),

(f) and (i) and to allow delegations to consult with their capitals on the proposed new paragraph to follow operative paragraph (j).

80. *It was so agreed.*

The meeting rose at 5.50 p.m.